GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NON-AVAILABILITY OF ANIMALS FOR RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any report on disruption of medical research production of vaccines, anti-rabies and other important sera in several leading institutions, due to non-availability of animals for research purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. Leading institutions like Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli, Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Let (HBPCS), Mumbai etc. Are facing difficulties in the production of anti sera and vaccine because of various provisions of Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control & Supervision) Rules, 1998 prepared by Committee for the Purpose of Control & Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) and the manner in which various decisions of CPCSEA are implemented.All the issues relating to the role of CPCSEA on medical research and amendments to rules, proceedings etc.that may be needed, have been taken up with appropriate authorities.